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## HUMOROUS.

The following story is so good of its kind that we feel inclined to run the risk of censure from any whose sense of propriety is greater than their sense of humor and quote it:

"Sam was a good old colored minister of the Methodist church. One Sunday night he began the service by announcing a hymn from a book which he held in his hand.

"'Turn,' said he, 'to page 76—page 76 and sing, wid de voice and de understan'en', hymn on page 76,

'As I was goin' down our alley,  
I met a cullard gal named Sally.

'No, brederen, I must have made a mistake: try hymn on page 67—turn to page 67. I'll read de fust two lines of de hymn on page 67,

'Shoo, fly, don't bodder me:  
I b'long to Company D."

'Now, dat don't sound 'zactly right. I nebber heered such a hymn sung in dis church. I b'leve de Baptizz cullard brudder, who's a locust preacher, and who met me dis evening in de dark, *stole my Meffodist hymn-book and put his Baptizz hymn-book in de place of it.*'—*Morning Star.*

ALSO, HE DONE IT. — Eminent Advocate—"Now, sir, what led to the assault?" Plaintiff (deaf)—"Yes, sir." Advocate (louder) — "What caused the defendant to assault you?" Plaintiff (still deaf)—"Har." Advocate (roaring)—"What made him hit you?" Plaintiff—"Wal, you see, 'Squire, it was this way: I called him a dad-danged liar. Sez he, 'If you don't take that back I'll knock a bale o' hay out of you.'" Advocate — "What ensued?" Plaintiff — "Har." Advocate (stentorianly) — "What followed?" Plaintiff (cheerfully) — "Also, he done it."—*Life.*

## THE ESQUIMAUX.

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Where the wild winds fiercely blaux  
And the thermometer is belaux  
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